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1. In June, 30,000 Chinese Communist Aid Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Volunteers were being trained in Yungshun (108-54, 22-48) Hsien and Heng (109-20, 22-38) Hsien under the supervision of 20 Soviet Army officers. All the volunteers were recruited from local defense units in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Training began late in September 1951 and was originally scheduled for completion by the end of March 1952.¹ The training period, however, was extended to late June 1952 in order to enable the troops to receive instruction in the use of new types of Soviet weapons.
2. After completion of the training these troops were to be divided into three divisions under the command of LIU Po-ch'eng and were to be sent to areas of Yunnan, Kwangsi, and Kwangtung near the Indochina border.²

25X1 1. Comment. A press report of 6 July stated that the Aid DRV volunteer Army was created eight months ago and that its estimated strength was 30,000 troops.

25X1 2. Comment. The Chinese Communists have interchanged a number of hsien between Kwangtung and Kwangsi so that Kwangtung no longer borders on Indochina.

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